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**PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 36671-740.301**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application	)		
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Inventor(s): Kenneth F. Buechler, et al.	)	Examiner:	Lisa V. Cook
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Application No. 09/712,615	)	Art Unit:	1641
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Filed: November 13, 2000	)	Confirmation No.:	4653
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Title: METHODS FOR MONITORING	)	Customer No.:	080984
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement mailed May 8, 2009. One month extension of time is respectfully requested, thus this response is timely filed.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.